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COLLEGE OPENS TERM TO-NIGHT

The eighty-first session of Richmond College will be formally opened to-night in the college chapel, when Governor Mann, Mayor Ainslie, Lieutenant-Governor Ellison and other prominent men will speak. The public is invited to the exercises, which will begin at 8:15 o'clock. A special feature will be music by the college choir. Following the formal program, the college Young Men's Christian Association will give a reception to the freshmen and their friends. Almost without exception the new students have arrived in the city and many of them are already registered. The record-breaking freshman class has matriculated. While the exact figures cannot be obtained, the prediction is that there will be more than 400 students at Richmond College this year. A total registration of 187 students last year marked the top north of matriculation at Richmond College. So great has been the crowd of new men in the last few days that the college authorities have found difficulty in registering them. When closing time came yesterday afternoon twenty men standing to matriculate were left outside in the rain. The registrar's office will be busy this morning taking care of the applicants.

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TEMPERANCE FOLK MEET NEXT WEEK

Richmond will be host to the annual convention of the Virginia Woman's Christian Temperance Union next week. The white ribbon army will descend on the city Monday, September 26, and will remain here until the following Thursday. The convention sessions will be held in the Broad Street Methodist Church. In preparation for the meeting the Broad Street church choir has arranged a special musical program, under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Hader, state musical director. Mrs. Howard N. Hoge, for many years president of the Virginia branch of the organization and also prominent in its national councils, will be the presiding officer of the convention. A number of speakers actively identified with the union's work will address the gathering. A concertation service conducted by Mrs. W. J. Mather will open the convention Monday night. On Tuesday morning Mrs. Hoge will present her annual report as president. It is expected that this report will show large additions to the organization's membership and also record the establishment of thirty-five new unions during the past year. Tuesday night will be devoted to addresses of welcome and responses. Governor Mann, Mayor Ainslie, Professor R. C. Starnes, Rev. J. T. Martin, Samuel K. McKee, Dr. C. C. Hudson, Rev. James D. McAllister, Mrs. Elmore Carpenter, and others will speak. Every phase of the union's work will be presented Wednesday night in a number of addresses. On Thursday night Mrs. Pauline Sparks will address the convention.

Two Charges of Assault. Henry Davis, colored, was arrested yesterday by Patrolman J. J. Warrick on charges of assault and battery on a woman. He was taken to the station and is being held for trial.

SAY SENTENCE WITH MURDERER

Pittsylvania People Reported to Sympathize With Man Who Killed Guard.

REMOVE CASE TO RICHMOND

Aided by Negro, Felon Stole Up to Guard and Fatally Shot Him.

Public sentiment in Pittsylvania is said to be so largely with Royal Sullivan, the convict who killed Guard John C. Howard, at a road-building camp near Chatham in July, that it is feared the slayer will not get justice there. It is stated that many of the people of the county think the convicts are badly treated, and some of them do not hesitate to say that Sullivan was justified in killing Howard. This state of affairs is likely to cause a removal of the trial of Sullivan to the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond. The matter is now up to the Governor, the presumption being that he has referred the legal points to the Attorney-General.

May Be Tried Here. It seems the law is clear. The statute explicitly says that offenses committed in the penitentiary shall be tried in the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond, and that when prisoners are engaged in works of public or private nature in other places, the case may go either to the local courts or to the Richmond court, which is the recognized tribunal for State matters.

It would seem the decision on the matter would rest with the Governor, who is required by the Constitution to see that the laws are obeyed and that justice is done. If he sees the matter in the same light as those who have told him of conditions in Pittsylvania, he may direct that the case be removed here. The law being explicit, it became a matter of judgment and of public policy.

In the event of removal, it will be the duty of the Attorney-General to prosecute Sullivan.

Sentiment in Mystery. Just why a good many of the people of Pittsylvania should think the convict was justified in killing the guard is not definitely explained. The crime was evidently done in order that Sullivan might escape from the imprisonment to which the courts had sentenced him. It was certainly deliberate. Ill treatment on Howard's part has not heretofore been alleged, nor might it be considered justification in any event.

A band of fifty prisoners, some convicts from the penitentiary and some jailbirds, was engaged in building a road at North Chatham. In the morning of July 29, the force was put to work as usual, some in a rock quarry and others on the roadbed.

Among those in the rock quarry was Roy Sullivan, whose real name is said to be Maxwell Sullivan. He was sentenced to four years' imprisonment for forgery, committed behind some loose stones. Sullivan was a single, married, shot, evidently placed there for use. Sullivan got hold of this about 7 o'clock and waited his chance. He picked a moment when Guard Howard's back was turned and advanced toward him. When about ten paces distant, Howard turned, and Sullivan told him to hold up his hands. Instead, the guard, taking the situation, reached for his pistol, when Sullivan fired a load of buckshot into his side. The guard lived about four hours without regaining consciousness.

Made Temporary Escape. Sullivan took the dying man's pistol and the rifle, and made his way off through the underbrush. All was done so quickly that other prisoners did not realize what had happened until he had gone. Later in the day Sullivan went to the home of a negro woman, from whom, at the point of a weapon, he demanded an axe, with which he cut off his shackles. He told her he had nothing against Howard, but determined to escape.

Later he was captured and was placed in jail at Danville. It was found that a negro named Robert Womack had placed the gun at the point where Sullivan secured it. Such were the details as told from the scene at the time. What additional evidence has been forthcoming which makes Pittsylvania people think Sullivan committed justifiable homicide, are unknown here. Certain it is that the statement regarding sentiment there comes from official sources.

Woman Gets Six Months. Rosa Brown, colored, was committed to jail yesterday for six months in Police Court on two charges of larceny, ninety days for each offense. The woman robbed A. E. Bowen of \$20 and A. R. Gann of \$10.

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SUICIDE RATHER THAN HOSPITAL

Edward Brantz Kills Himself When Ordered There by His Physician.

FEARED AN OPERATION

Finally Agreed to Go, but Went Later to Room and Sent Bullet Through His Heart.

Despondent because his physician had told him that he must go to a hospital for an operation, Edward Brantz, twenty-one years old, of 1908 East Main Street, fired a bullet from a .38 caliber revolver through his heart yesterday afternoon. He died almost instantly. Brantz had been ill for nearly two years, according to a statement made by his father, Augustus Brantz, a tailor, and had frequently told his mother that he would commit suicide unless he recovered. Later, however, he had made no such threats.

Several days ago he was informed by his doctor that he would have to undergo an operation. This seemed to depress him, but he finally agreed to go to a hospital.

Yesterday morning he appeared cheerful and was at work as usual in his father's shop, which is below the apartment occupied by the family. About 2:30 o'clock he left the place and went into a rear room. In a few minutes his father heard the report of a pistol, and rushing into the room where his son had gone, found him lying upon the floor with blood gushing from a wound in his breast and the smoking weapon by his side. The gun had been held so close to his body that the powder set fire to his shirt. The sparks eating into the cloth, Mr. Brantz had no trouble in brushing out the fire with his hand, while his younger son, William Brantz, hurried for medical aid. The young man was dead when physicians arrived.

After an examination Dr. Taylor said that death had been practically instantaneous, the bullet passing through the heart. He deemed an inquest unnecessary, and turned the body over to the family.

Besides his parents, Brantz leaves one brother and three sisters.

NEW APARTMENT HOUSE

Permit Issued for \$25,000 Structure on Monument Avenue.

Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows: William B. West and H. Selden Taylor to erect a two-story apartment house, three stories, 40-42-44 North First Street, to cost \$25,000.

S. G. Meredith to erect a three-story apartment house on the north side of Monument Avenue between Sheppard and West Streets, to cost \$35,000.

A. Gattino Gilino, to repair two brick buildings, 1905-1919 East Broad Street, to cost \$200.

Mrs. E. A. Leonard, to repair a frame dwelling, 202 Louisiana Street, to cost \$200.

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ROIN THREATENS OYSTER INDUSTRY

Fish Commission, Alarmed at Pollution Report, Will Consult Congressmen.

HAS COST STATE MILLIONS

Planters in James River Ordered to Move Stakes From Natural Rock.

Discussion of the report on pollution of oyster grounds in the Potomac, published a few days ago by the Pure Food Bureau in Washington, was the principal topic before the State Commission of Fisheries, which met yesterday morning at Murphy's Hotel. All members were present: Chairman W. McDonald Lee, of Lancaster; George B. Kezelle, of Rockingham; J. M. Hooker, of Patrick; J. L. Tucker, of Annet, and Secretary S. Wilkins Mathews, of Accomac.

Members of the commission found themselves far from agreeing with the report made public from Washington, feeling that "pure food faddists" are responsible for great injury to the oyster business in Virginia.

Will Haul Industry. Commissioner Lee was especially despondent, saying he had lost heart. "Unless there is a change," he asserted, "the oyster industry in Virginia will not be worth mentioning." All were agreed that the two people who are suffering are the producer, who cannot sell his oysters, and the consumer, who is paying the same high prices of five years ago, although the best of the product is going begging at the wharves at twenty-five cents the bushel.

Without any definite idea as to what was best to be done, the commission appointed a committee to take the matter under consideration with the congressmen from Virginia and Maryland. Hope was expressed that the situation may be gotten at in some way. The committee is composed of Chairman Lee, Secretary Mathews and former Senator Kezelle.

The report referred to was to the effect that oysters in the Potomac River are polluted to a distance of perhaps 100 miles below that city, or to Blackstone's Island, in Westmoreland County. The pollution is supposed to come from Washington sewage, and the colon bacilli, which may contain typhoid bacteria, was said to have been discovered in the oyster grounds about the island. Responsibility for typhoid in Washington was laid at the door of Potomac oysters.

Personally, Commissioner Lee ridicules the report. He does not believe it possible that the sewage of a city the size of Washington can pollute a stream for such a distance, especially since the oyster ground does not begin until a point some sixty miles below the city.

"The people of Tidewater," he said, "eat raw oysters the year around. It is a staple article of diet. Yet statistics will show there is less typhoid in that section per capita than in any other part of the State. Does that look like pollution?"

"This report will cost the State untold money. Millions have been lost to the Virginia oyster industry in the last five years by pronouncements of faddists, and it bids fair to reach total ruin. The West and Northwest has already practically stopped eating oysters because of the island. Oysters in the average market will average in cost 12 cents a pound of solid meat, making a cheap food, while beef costs much more. One fly in a market can cause more pest infection than exists in every oyster in the Potomac."

Will Suspect All. "As a rule, the public will not distinguish between one field and another. An oyster is an oyster, and one taken from grounds which have absolutely no chance of pollution from sewage will be regarded with suspicion as the result of alarming reports."

"Further, the Potomac oysters have even been examined by experts. The oyster grounds have an immense yield this year. There is the greatest abundance, but thousands of bushels go begging at the wharves. The price to the consumer ought to be much less than it is, in view of what the producer gets."

It is possible that the State Investigation of the Potomac, Dafty and Food Commissioner Saunders had the matter in mind, but the government report has intervened.

Move From Natural Rock. The Fisheries Commission ordered the planters in the James River to remove their stakes from natural rock. As a result of the agitation regarding the matter, a survey was had, and it was found that some of the largest planters were on the rock, due to mistakes made by earlier inspectors who granted licenses. On September 12, 1911, the planters were given one year to remove the stakes, and that time has now expired. The planters must get away from the natural rock.

The commission renewed the license of Captain F. W. Darling to dredge in his planting grounds in the James.

Police Target Practice. Hundreds Will Gather To-Day and To-Morrow at Armory.

Orders were issued yesterday by Chief of Police J. J. Warrick, who will be off duty this afternoon and to-morrow afternoon to report at 1:30 o'clock at the Newmarket Armory for target practice. It has been several months since the police have had an opportunity for target practice, and Major Werner is anxious that all of the men take advantage of this one to increase their skill.

League to Elect Delegates. At the Thursday afternoon meeting of the Equal Suffrage League, to end with an informal headquarters reception from 8 to 10 o'clock, delegates to the State Convention in Norfolk will be elected.

The convention will be held in the Lyceum Hotel October 23 and 24, and will be attended by representatives from the different State leagues. The program to be presented later will be full and interesting. It is expected that the men's league will send delegates.

Casper Wolfe Resigns. Casper Wolfe, who has been collector of delinquent State taxes for a number of years, has resigned to accept another position.

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BUREAU ISSUES FLOOD WARNING

Ten-Foot Rise in James River at Richmond Predicted—Heavy Rains in State.

Heavy rainfall over the James River watershed caused Section Director Evans, of the United States Weather Bureau, to issue advisory flood warnings last night, predicting, on the basis of the rainfall up to that time, a rise here of ten feet. Of course, if the rain continues in the up-country the rise may be even greater, and Mr. Evans thought it wise to give due notice to all on the water front. It takes a rise of sixteen feet here to put water over the Old Dominion Warves. The most serious damage it is believed that a ten-foot freshet could do would be to the false work and frame coffer dams on the new Mayo Bridge, where contractors are now putting in concrete piers. The contractors, but indicated and began last night anchoring such material as might be carried away. The rain in the upper James River Valley yesterday was heavier than at Richmond, where .38 of an inch fell. In some sections around Buchanan the fall aggregated nearly three inches.

The rainfall of last week was general over the State, and served to wet the surface of the ground. While the under surface is still very dry and absorbent, the estimate is that the rain of to-day's rain will be fully 50 per cent. Of course, the absorption will be much greater than had there been a rainy season preceding. We anticipate a rise in the river during the morning with a maximum height of ten feet on the basis of the present rainfall, and it may be increased if the rain continues through the night at points west of Richmond.

"My reports only show the rainfall as far west as Blacksburg, but indicate a heavy fall in the mountains, which may increase the volume of water passing here within the next forty-eight hours." The James River Valley for two months. Fields were parched and the river low. It had been low for years. The use of steam auxiliary plants was necessary at both electric power stations here because of low water. Although the rain last week was unusually heavy, the absorption was so great that but little rise beyond normal was noticeable in the river.

SAY CREAM IS INFERIOR

Confessioners Arrested for Offering Alleged Poor Product. Three confessioners were arrested yesterday by Patrolman Tanner on warrants secured by State Dairy and Food Inspector L. J. Jones, charging them with exposing for sale ice-cream which contained less than a per cent of milk fat in violation of the Pure Food Law.

Those accused of this violation were as follows: John Masuccio, confessioner, 43 West Broad Street; T. C. Elkins, confessioner, 14 East Broad Street; M. H. Vranian, of 325 East Broad Street. All were bailed for their appearance in Police Court.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE OPENS NEW TERM ON THURSDAY

The Woman's College will open its new term on Thursday, with more students awaiting matriculation than in former years. Dr. James Nelson, the president, expects a record enrollment. There will be several changes in the faculty this year. Miss Beahm, of Maryland, is the new teacher of English. Miss Clift, of Georgetown, will take the place of Miss professor of history, while Miss Dennis, a sister of Dr. George H. Dennis, has accepted the position as professor of modern languages.

DAILY STEAMERS WILL AID FARMERS

New Service Between West Point and Baltimore Expected to Develop Trucking. The early inauguration of a daily steamer service between West Point, Va., and Baltimore will, in connection with the Southern Railway train from this city, give Richmond a convenient boat to Baltimore every day in the week. Contracts for the construction of two new steamers for this purpose was announced recently by the Chesapeake Steamship Company.

The company's present operations between West Point and Baltimore, a service which has been rendered inadequate by the large increase in the freight and passenger traffic between the two cities. President Finley, of the Southern Railway, speaking of the new service yesterday in Washington, expressed the opinion that it will have the effect of stimulating fruit and vegetable production in this section of Virginia by reason of the quick service which will be made possible. He said:

"The completion of these steamers will stimulate freight and passenger traffic in the territory traversed by the Southern Railway in Eastern Virginia. It is expected that this service will be an important factor in the material development of that territory."

The larger steamer passenger service will be handled by the new service which will be operated between Baltimore and Richmond. Rail and steamer schedules will be so arranged that passengers leaving Baltimore in the early morning will be in Richmond early in the evening, and those leaving Richmond in the morning will be in Baltimore early in the morning. The line will participate in the present large movement of freight between Richmond and Baltimore, and it is expected that the additional and improved facilities afforded will lead to an increase in the volume of traffic through the larger industrial development of the territory affected.

One of the important results of the new service is expected to be the larger development of fruit and vegetable production as a result of providing quick and more frequent service to the markets of Baltimore and points beyond. A large part of the region served is admirably suited for the growing of truck.

TAX ASSESSMENT CASE POSTPONED

State Seeks to Make City Pay Taxes on Its Public Utilities.

Because of the inability of the Attorney-General to be present, the proceedings in regard to the effort of the State to tax municipal property from which revenue was gained. Commonwealth's Attorney Minter Folkes and Attorney-General Samuel W. Williams will represent the State, and, as this case will probably go to the Supreme Court in any event and be made a test, the Attorney-General desires to be present at the hearing.

As previously explained, the Auditor of Public Accounts, with the advice of the Attorney-General, instructed H. E. Tresson, Commissioner of the Revenue for the city of Richmond, to assess for State taxation all city property from which revenue was gained. Commissioner Tresson, who is a State official, assessed the water works, the gas plant, sewerage system and other public properties, placing upon them the value at which they were booked by the land assessors. The total value is \$10,000,000, upon which the State wants the city to pay \$20,000 a year in taxes.

ARRESTED IN COURT

Detective Nabs Negro on Felony Charge as He Fled Small Fine. Just as he paid a small fine in Police Court yesterday morning for a minor offense, John Johnson, colored, was placed under arrest by Detective-Sergeant Whitshire and hurried back to the prison pen with a charge of felony against him. Johnson is said to be a thief who has committed many robberies recently, and the entire detective bureau has been searching for him. Sergeant Whitshire charged him with entering the home of S. E. Burns, North Tenth Street, and stealing a gold watch and chain. Justice Crutchfield continued the case until Saturday. Other charges will be made against Johnson.

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